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SUBJECT: REPLY LETTER FROM SECRETARY RICE TO FOREIGN
MINISTER REGARDING ELECTION OF HUNGARY TO A UNSC
NON-PERMANENT SEAT

¶1. Secretary Rice received a letter dated January 31, 2008 from Dr. Kinga G"ncz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Hungary, requesting support for the election of Hungary to the non-permanent seat available for the Eastern European Group in the United Nations Security Council for the term 2012-13. Post is requested to deliver para. 2 response from IO A/S Silverberg on behalf of Secretary Rice. There will be no signed original.

¶2. Begin Text:

Dear Madam Foreign Minister:

On behalf of Secretary Rice, I am replying to your letter of January 31, 2008 regarding Hungary's candidacy for the non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the term 2012-13.

The United States applauds the participation of the Government of Hungary in the work on the Security Council, twice as a non-permanent member. The United States acknowledges your firm dedication to development co-operation and assistance, and protection of international peace and security.

The United States appreciates Hungary's commitment to the United Nations and is pleased that Hungary wishes to participate actively in the United Nations as a member of the Security Council. We welcome the opportunity to consider Hungary's candidacy for the Security Council. However, as a matter of long-standing United States practice, the United States does not disclose its vote in the United Nations elections either before or after the balloting.

Accept, Madam Foreign Minister, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristen Silverberg
Assistant Secretary
Bureau of International Organization Affairs
United States Department of State

Her Excellency

Dr. Kinga G"ncz
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of Hungary

End Text.
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